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Amendments to the Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A <u>An isolated</u> nucleic acid encoding a protein IIP-1 which binds to an IGF-1 receptor, wherein the nucleic acid is selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) SEQ ID NO:1; and
- b) nucloic acids which hybridize under stringent conditions with a complement sequence to SEQ ID NO:1 and encode a polypeptide which binds to IGF-1 receptor; and
- e) b) nucleic acids that, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, encode a IIP-1 polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of ene-of-the polypeptides polypeptide encoded by the sequences sequence of a) and b).
- 2. (Currently Amended) The nucleic acid according to claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid encodes a protein having the sequence shown in comprises SEQ ID NO:2.
 - 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Original) A recombinant expression vector for expressing a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2, the recombinant expression vector comprising a nucleic acid as claimed in claim 1.
 - 5. (Original) A host cell transformed by a nucleic acid of claim 1.
 - 6. (Currently Amended) A host cell transformed by a nucleic acid of claim 2 3.